Chemical Factories discharging untreated Chemical Effluents

@@1933-D. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Okhla Industrial Estate (Delhi) a large number of small and medium chemical factories are discharging untreated chemical effluent in the open Kucha drains of the area;

(b) whether it is a fact that as result thereof under ground water has been contaminated within a radius of 20 Kilo Metre;

(c) whether it is also a fact that thousands of affected people of this area, specially those of camp I or camp II have lodged complaints against this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and remedial measures taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) It has been reported by the Delhi Administration that three factories in Okhla discharge their trade effluent into the open kucha drains of the area;

(b) and (c) No study has been undertaken regarding the contamination of ground water from this discharge. No complaints have been received in this regard.

(d) Action has been initiated against the three polluting units, under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1955, transferred from the 14th May, 1992.

12.00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1992 to Unstarred Question 4218 regarding Edwina Letters missing.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, on behalf of SHRI ARJUN SINGH I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1992, to Unstarred Question 4218 regarding Edwina Letters Missing. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2093/92.]

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Madam, I lay on the Table:—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1986-87, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.